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:DECISION ON PETITION

:UNDER 37 CFR 1.55(a)(2)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.55(a)(2), filed March 15, 2005, for entry of priority papers submitted after the date the issue fee was paid.

The petition is granted.

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

The priority papers are accepted as timely filed and have been placed of record in the file.

The patent which issued on this case contained a reference to the foreign Japanese priority documents. Therefore, no further action is required herein.

Any questions concerning this decision on petition should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

This matter is being referred to Files Repository.

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